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#### **Attention Class of 2020**

The Wabash Plain Dealer is launching an interactive campaign to celebrate our Wabash County seniors! With COVID-19 disrupting graduation plans and daily life for our students, we want to do something special to commemorate their hard work and memories. We are posting photo challenges at www.facebook. com/wabashpd and the best submissions will be featured on our website and in a special section published at the end of the school year. Submit your favorite memories to news@wabashplaindealer. com or post your memories and photos to your social media page using the hashtag #WCClassof2020 to participate.

#### **Notice to readers**

To reduce risks to our employees and community. the Wabash Plain Dealer is closed to the public until further notice. Payments may be dropped in the mail slot r called in. For news, call 260-225-4662 or email news@wabashplaindealer. com. For advertising, call 260-225-4947 or email tcampbell@pmginmi.com. For circulation and customer support, call 260-563-2131. To bring you the most accurate information about the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, the Wabash Plain Dealer has decided to prioritize news content over sports stories since sporting events are canceled for the time being. The Wabash Plain Dealer is committed to providing the best product to its customers and appreciates the support during this time. Thank you.

#### Online absentee ballot applications must be completed, received by Thursday

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot for the June 2 Primary Election. To vote absentee-bymail, voters who qualify must complete an absenteeby-mail application. These are available online at www. IndianaVoters.com. Voters may also submit their request by mail, email or fax. The application must be completed and received by the county election board or the Indiana Election Division by Thursday, May 21. After an application has been received, the voter will be mailed a Primary Election ballot. The voter must then complete the ballot, and return it to the county

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Sixteen contestants competed for the title of Wabash County Festival Queen in the 29th annual Wabash County Festivals Pageant on Friday, July 26, 2019 in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center.

## **Contestants sought for 30th Annual Festivals Scholarship Pageant**

The final deadline for applications for this year's event is Thursday, May 28

**BV ROB BURGESS** Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Contestants are being sought for the 30th Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant, stated Bev Vanderpool, co-director, in a statement to the Plain Dealer.

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. The deadline for applications is Thursday, May 28.

In response to a Plain Dealer request, Vanderpool stated they were watching for state directives regarding mass gatherings leading up to the

"Since the pageant isn't until the end of July and Gov. Eric Holcomb is opening up the state before that, we will go with whatever directive he suggests," stated Vanderpool.

At last year's event, Franny Schannep was named Directors Award Winner, Dayna Dale was named Miss Friendship, Emily Martin was named Fourth Runner-Up, Katie Jones was named Third Runner-Up, Haley Porter was named Second Runner-Up, Mariah Kirtlan was named First Runner-Up, and Danielle Sparling was named Queen.

pageant, former Wabash County Festivals Queens will be honored.

Vanderpool stated any Wabash County woman ages 17 to 21 who plans to further her education is eligible. Any woman from 17 years old to those already attending college in a get-acquainted fun night, a



Danielle Sparling was named 2019 Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant

enter. All college-age women need

2020-2021 school year. Vanderpool stated they hope to

award about \$4,000 in scholarships. "Contestants participate will

Vanderpool stated during this year's and is not yet 22, is encouraged to fundraising project, rehearsal and the pageant. The queen and her court to be enrolled in the college for the will represent Wabash County at various festivals and events. In January 2021, the queen will compete in the Indiana State Festival Scholarship

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## Burgess wins SPJ award

Wabash Plain Dealer editor recognized in Arts and Entertainment Writing category

**STAFF REPORT** 

On Monday, the Indiana Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) announced the winners of their 2019 Best in Indiana Journalism Contest.

Among those recognized was Wabash Plain Dealer Editor Rob Burgess, who won third place for Arts and Entertainment Writing for publications with circulation below 30,000.

Burgess' entry included five stories published in 2019. These stories included interviews with Amy Grant, David Crosby, Buck Trent of "Hee Haw," Richard Sterban of the Oak Ridge Boys and Patrick Myers of Killer Queen before their respective performances at the Honeywell Center.

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## Laketon **American** Legion, **Auxiliary** Memorial Day service is all set

Attendees encouraged to stay in cars during the event for safety

By ROB BURGESS Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Laketon American Legion and Auxiliary will hold a Memorial Day service at 1 p.m. Monday, May 25 at the Laketon Cemetery, 950 N. 200 West, North Manchester, stated Thelma Butler in a state-

ment to the Plain Dealer. "There will be sounds effects available for people (so they

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## BBB Serving Northern Indiana sees puppy scams skyrocket during the virus pandemic

More reports in April than in the first three months of the year combined

pet in person before those the U.S., with more reports

STAFF REPORT

Some families obeying stay-at-home orders have look for a pet, thinking they would have plenty of time to help the pet adjust to its new surroundings. Many, though, have come across (COVID-19) pandemic has New data from BBB Scam given scammers reasons to Tracker shows that these ask for money or explain scams have spiked since why buyers can't see the COVID-19 took hold in

heartbroken, would-be pet owners figure out they have been conned, according to Nichole Thomas, director of

turned to the internet to communications and public relations and community outreach for the BBB Serving Northern Indiana. Puppy scams like these were the subject of a 2017 scammers who advertise on in-depth investigative study websites for animals that by Better Business Bureau don't exist and are never (BBB), and they are proshipped. The coronavirus lific during the holidays.

about fraudulent pet websites in April than in the first three months of the year combined.

BBB's earlier study found that for these types of frauds to be successful it's usually dependent on bogus, often sophisticated advertisements to hook unsuspecting consumers. Experts believed, at that time, that at least 80 percent of the sponsored advertising links that appear in an Internet search for pets may be fraudulent.

Actual numbers of pet fraud may be much higher than reported because many victims either choose not to file complaints or do not

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## Additional assistance offered for families with children on free, reduced-cost meals

FSSA's 'Pandemic **Electronic Benefit** Transfer' program set to begin this week

STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has announced that families whose children receive free or reduced-cost meals at school will receive "Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer" benefits beginning this week, according to and can be used at any store a press release.

These benefits are intend-

ed to reimburse the families of about 600,000 Hoosier children for the cost of meals that their children were unable to receive due to COVID-19-related school

Families who do not currently receive SNAP will receive an electronic benefits transfer card in the mail by the end of May, along with instructions on how to activate and use their card. Families do not have to apply for Pandemic EBT, also called "P-EBT." The P-EBT card works like a bank debit card

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## Mnuchin, Powell push differing priorities to aid U.S. economy

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER and MARTIN CRUTSINGER

**AP Economics Writers** 

WASHINGTON — Facing the gravest U.S. economic crisis in decades, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell offered Congress contrasting views Tuesday of what the government's most urgent priority should be.

Striking a theme frequently pushed by President Donald Trump, Mnuchin warned that prolonged business shutdowns would pose long-term threats to the economy, from widespread bankruptcies for small businesses to long-term unemployment for millions of Americans.

"There is risk of permanent damage," Mnuchin said.

Powell. contrast. by stressed, as he has in recent weeks, that the nation is gripped by an economic shock "without modern precedent" and that Congress must consider providing further financial aid soon to support states, localities, businesses and individuals to prevent a deeper recession.

"What Congress has done to date has been remarkably timely and forceful," Powell said. "But we need to step back and ask, 'Is it enough?"

Their points of emphasis reflect the contours of a debate occurring across the country, among individuals, business people and political leaders, about when and under what circumstances the economy should reopen and what further help the government can or should provide.

Mnuchin and Powell offered their views at an oversight hearing of the Senate Banking Committee at which members of both parties questioned them about when their agencies will distribute more of the emergency aid that Congress provided in late March to struggling small businesses and households.

Powell said that a highly anticipated lending program the Fed is creating for small businesses should be operating by the end of the month. And in a turnaround, Mnuchin said the Treasury is now prepared to absorb some losses in that program, which is funded by Treasury. Doing so could enable the Fed to take on further risk with the program and help more companies.

During the hearing, clashed Mnuchin sharply with Democratic Sens. Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts over the administration's support for a phased reopening of the economy and over its reluctance to require that all companies that receive government aid keep their workers on the payroll.

Brown charged that the Trump administration was risking the lives of lower-income workers by supporting reopening efforts and was doing so simply to boost financial markets. He asserted done enough to protect front- tion Program.

line workers - by, for example, ramping up viral testing - even as most states start allowing restaurants, stores and gyms to reopen.

The administration wants to put more workers at risk to boost the stock market,' Brown said.

"Your characterization is unfair," Mnuchin responded. The hearing was the first in a planned series of quarterly oversight sessions focused on spending programs authorized in the \$2 trillion federal relief package that is overseen by the Treasury Department and Fed. They include the \$660 billion small business lending facility, known as the Paycheck Protection Program, as well as \$46 billion in grants to airlines and \$454 billion to support the Fed's lending.

The Fed announced in March that it would set up the Main Street Lending Program, which will provide up to \$600 billion in loans to medium-sized businesses that are too large to particithat the administration hasn't pate in the Paycheck Protec-





## How Will It Work for My Business?

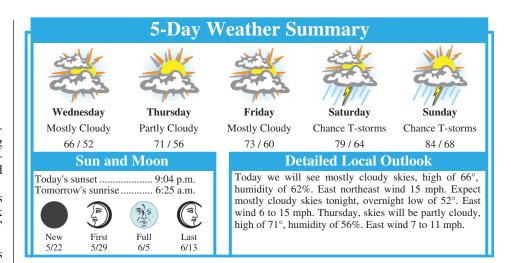
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## How Do I Apply?

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https://www.wabashplaindealer.com/site/forms/advertising\_match/, click on the "How Do I?" tab and Apply for a "Matching Advertising Grant". The Wabash Plain Dealer will respond within 48 hours. A community newspaper is only ever as strong as the community it serves. We know businesses and workers are hurting, we're hurting too. But if we can pull together as a community, we can weather this.

## Wabash Plain Dealer



## Radiation therapy can cause damage to surrounding tissues

surrounding

**Elizabeth Ko** 

Ask the

& Eve Glazier

tissues, including her aortic valve. What are the potential side Doctors effects of radiation therapy?

**DEAR READ-ER:** Radiation therapy, also known as ra-

diotherapy, is that uses intense beams of diation, but a newer type of more later. therapy uses protons. These are subatomic particles that vances in radiotherapy over 90024. carry a positive charge. Although both approaches to radiation therapy are effective at killing cancer cells, each can cause a range of side effects. These vary from person to person and depend not only on the type and location of a person's cancer, but also on their general health as well.

chemotherapy, which is systemic, radiation therapy is a highly localized treatment. A person's tumor is mapped, and the beams of energy are precisely focused on the area. Even so, surrounding healthy tissues are often damaged. Due to the physical properties of protons, that type of radiotherapy can be successful at sparing surrounding tissues. However, proton therapy isn't widely available and can't be used for all cancers. Radiation therapy with X-rays, while successful at killing cancer cells, can also cause damage to healthy tis-

Radiation therapy sessions last about 15 minutes and are not painful. Treatment is administered five days a week and lasts from three to nine weeks, depending on the cancer. The energy used to kill the cancer cells is quite powerful and, over time, the nearby healthy tissues tend to sustain damage. This results in a range of side effects. A common one is fatigue, which begins during the course of treatment and can persist for several weeks or months after treatment has ended. Many people develop skin problems such as dryness, itching, blistering or peeling in the site where the radiation is delivered. Depending on the part of the body getting the treatment, addition-

#### READERS' CHOICE REPORTS

#### MONDAY'S **LOTTERIES**

Cash 5 08-14-18-25-40 Estimated jackpot: \$466,500 06-11-14-31-57, Cash Ball: 1 Daily Three-Midday 3-0-0, SB: 2 **Daily Three-Evening** Daily Four-Midday 5-2-7-9, SB: 2 **Daily Four-Evening** 6-1-5-6. SB: 4 Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$274 million Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$95 million

TUESDAY'S METALS

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**AREA GRAIN** Estimated grain prices

Tuesday at Indianapolis-ar-

ea elevators: Corn: \$3.26.

Soybeans: \$8.34.

to taste

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**DEAR DOCTOR:** A close rel- al side effects can include the years have lessened the ative had extensive radiation swelling, or edema; hair incidence of cardiac injury. therapy for an early breast loss; nausea; trouble swal- In addition, modern treatcancer. The treatment was lowing; diarrhea; problems ment protocols are often effective, but it damaged the with urination; or changes performed in partnership with a cardiologist. Their When heart muscle is ex- job is to assess a patient's posed to radiation therapy, risk of heart injury prior to as happens in treatment treatment and to monitor for breast cancer, Hodgkin their progress during the lymphoma and cancers of course of radiotherapy. The the lung or esophagus, in- goal is to craft an effecjuries can occur. These can tive cancer treatment that

Most often, it uses X-rays, a months after treatment, but edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, type of electromagnetic ra- are most often seen a year or c/o UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations, 10880 Wilshire Blvd., The good news is that ad- Suite 1450, Los Angeles, CA,



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# Obituaries

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#### PENDING SERVICES

Michael L. Culver: 59, of rural Wabash, died unexpectedly at 7:43 pm, Monday, May 18, 2020 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Cheri. Services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

## All Indiana teachers recognized as 2021 Teacher of the Year

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — award each year. The Indiana Department of

"The COVID-19 pandemic Education recognized all brought new complexities Indiana teachers collectively and challenges to schools Tuesday as the 2021 Teacher with no advance warning," of the Year. The department State Schools Superintentraditionally has recognized dent Jennifer McCormick a single educator with the said in a statement.

#### **PAGEANT**

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pageant where she will have Wabash County Festivals a chance to win even more Pageant is a nonprofit, therescholarship money," stated Vanderpool.

Pageant directors are Kara Ridgeway and Bev Vanderdropped off at Wabash City

do so by sending a check to com.

Bev Vanderpool, 73 W Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked "Scholarship Pageant." The fore all donations are tax deductible

For more information, Fulmer, Patty Meagher, Te- visit the Wabash County resa Ridgeway, Makayla Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ pool. Applications for the wabashcountyfestivals pageant may be mailed in or scholarshippageant or contact any of the directors.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Deal-Anyone wishing to donate er editor, may be reached by email toward the scholarships may at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.

**BURGESS** From page A1

Burgess has been Wabash June 2019.

but the chapter announced last month that they would line categories.

be announcing the winners online instead due to safety concerns around COVID-19.

The Best in Indiana Jour-Plain Dealer editor since nalism contest is Indiana's only open journalism con-This year's SPJ awards test. This was the 41st year banquet was originally that journalists from around scheduled for this April, the state competed in dozens of print, broadcast and on-

#### **EVENT**

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ed Butler.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Friday, Butler stated the welcome will be by Floyd Hiner Jr., post commander; the prayer will be by Joe Bradley, post by the Junior Auxiliary; the national anthem will be by Rebekah Pyle, Manchester High School senior; a remembrance of years past will be by Butler; a tribute to veterans will be by Gary and Purple Heart recipient; com.

a roll call of the unreturned to the Laketon Cemetery will be by Tony Meredith, of Post No. 402; a special can) stay in their cars," stat- tribute will be by Doug King; a solo performance of "God Bless America" will be by Pyle; a gun salute will be by the North Manchester American Legion Post No. 286; "Taps" will be played by David Burnette, Fifth chaplain; the pledge will be District commander; the invocation will be by Tina James, American Legion Auxiliary chaplain; and sound effects will be by J.P. Freeman.

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email Minton, a Vietnam veteran at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.

#### **FAMILIES**

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in the United States that accepts SNAP, but cannot be used for cash withdrawals at ATM machines. FSSA worked with the Indiana Department of Education to identify these families by the United States Departbased upon their child al- ment of Agriculture. ready receiving free and reduced-cost meals at school.

Families who already receive SNAP benefits will of school through the end have the additional benefits applied to their SNAP accounts on their Hoosier Works EBT card by the end

will receive an amount equal to the value of the daily allotment for breakfast and lunch multiplied by the average number of school days represents the average last missed since school was can- day of school for schools in celed. Families will receive this school year.

this amount for each eligible child in the household for the number of days the child was eligible for free and reduced lunch. The value of the school meals per day is equal to the federal reimbursement rate for breakfast and lunch at the free rate, which is \$5.70, as specified

The Indiana Department of Education calculated an average of 56 missed days of the school year (including spring break) for Indiana students, counting all weekdays from March 13 through May 29. The first date was For P-EBT, each household the day following Gov. Eric Holcomb's executive order closing schools for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The second date

## As Memorial Days nears, Dunes National Park to reopen shuttered beach on Saturday

PORTER (AP) — The Indiana crowding, unsafe sanitation practices pandemic precautions, he said. Dunes National Park will reopen part and a lack of social distancing. of a local beach in time for the Memorial Day weekend, but beachgoers will be monitored to make sure they adhere to coronavirus pandemic safeguards, a park official said Tuesday.

The national park temporarily closed its portion of Porter Beach on Lake

Tuesday that the park would reopen the beaches to protect their health and its stretch of Porter Beach, beach that of other visitors," Rowe said. parking lots and restroom facilities on Saturday, The (Northwest Indiana) Times reported.

The beach will be closed again, Michigan on May 6, citing "unsafe however, "to protect public health" if national park reopens its beach and health conditions" created by over-visitors are found to be disregarding facilities.

"We are urging our visitors to stay Park spokesman Bruce Rowe said safe by practicing social distancing on

> The town of Porter said in a statement Tuesday that its town council has decided to reopen its part of the beach and its parking lot once the

#### **SCAMS**

know where to turn for help.

Scam Tracker reported they wanted to adopt a puppy to ease their isolation and brighten their lives during the pandemic.

Victims were often told that they needed to send money for special climate-controlled crates, insurance and a (non-existent) COVID-19 vaccine. There also were several instances where the consumer wanted to see or pick-up the animal but was told that wasn't possible due to COVID-19 restrictions.

A Noble County woman reported losing more \$550 to a puppy scammer in April 2020. She said the seller agreed to sell her a Yorkie puppy for \$400, with an additional \$150 for transportation. When she suggested called and relayed that their driver had been pulled over and needed ied it from another website. \$200 more for proper permitting to

demanded all her money back. She ment methods offer no recourse and never received her puppy or a refund. no way to get your money back if you

"They gave me the runaround are the victim of a fraud. about my money," the woman told the BBB. "They blocked my phone cept credit cards but may steal your Many victims who contacted BBB's number and it just makes me so mad. credit card information to use it in They need to be stopped."

County, had a similar run-in, but the payment via wire service or gift caught on to the scam before sending cards. fraudsters any funds.

their address and when you inquire bred dog is advertised for free or at about where they are located, they respond with photos of dogs for sale," the St. Joseph County woman said. vices like vaccination or shipping, it "They say they'll ship as soon as could be a fraudulent offer. you pay with a money order and that sounded like a scam."

puppy scams:

- in person. If that isn't possible, con- crowding at their facilities. Humane duct an internet search of the picture Society of the United States refers of the pet you are considering. If the meeting halfway, the seller told her same picture appears on multiple the driver had already left with the websites, it is likely is a fraud. You scammed, report it to BBB Scam puppy. Two hours later, the seller also can search for text from ads or Tracker and the Federal Trade Comtestimonials, to see if the seller cop- mission. You also can report it to
- transport a puppy. The woman de- Union, MoneyGram, or a cash app endeavors to get fraudulent pet sale clined to pay the additional fee and like Zelle or a gift card. These pay- websites taken down.

- other scams or inform you that pay-A second woman, from St. Joseph ment didn't go through and request
- Research prices for the breed you "The fake organization doesn't list are interested in adopting. If a purea deeply discounted price, and then other payment is required for ser-
- Consider reaching out to a local animal shelter. Especially during this Here are some tips for avoiding time of quarantine, many shelters are looking for fosters to help relieve ■ Don't buy a pet without seeing it the animal's stress and reduce overconsumers to local shelters.

If you think you have been petscams.com, which catalogs pup-■ Don't send money by Western py scammers, tracks complaints and

#### **PULSE**

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election board by noon Election Day, June 2.

#### Local absentee, early, in-person voting details announced

Any registered voter may vote by absentee for the June 2 primary election by requesting an absentee ballot. To request an absentee-by-mail application, call 260-563-0661 ext. 1238. In-person early voting is available beginning Tuesday, May 26. Wabash County voters may vote at OJ Neighbors school gymnasium, 1545 N Wabash St. Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30. Voting will also take place at this location from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 1. On June 2, Election Day, the only two places open to vote in Wabash County will be 0 J Neighbors School gymnasium at 1545 N Wabash St., and North Manchester High School gymnasium, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

#### Mural festival seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at www.NElmuralfestival.

#### **Red Cross schedules** blood donation opportunity for June 2

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

#### 25th annual WACCY golf outing prepares to tee off

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County's 25th Annual WACCY Golf Outing, scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at the Honeywell Public Golf Course. Grow Wabash County has also scheduled a back-up date of Thursday, July 30 in the case that the social distancing recommendations are still in

effect come June. Registration is \$360 per tour-person team. For more intormation, visit www.growwabashcounty.com/ events, email marketing@growwabash county.com or call 260-563-5258.

#### **Red Cross schedules** blood donation opportunity for June 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty's Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

#### **Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled** for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@ hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event's Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club's president-elect, Mike Keaffaber, is the event's chairperson for 2020.

Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

#### 'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a "fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by

going online to www.visitwabashcounty. com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

#### **Woman's Clubhouse hopes** to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman's Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization. For more information, call Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

#### **Registration for annual Dam** to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open Visit Wabash County has announced

registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)!MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride - Sunday, Sept. 13 - and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www. visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171. **Downtown Wabash Farmers'** 

#### Market season is open Saturdays through Sept. 26 The Downtown Wabash Farmers Mar-

ket is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided.

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"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

- Romans 8:37

## **How many virus deaths? Don't ask President Trump**

The fatality numbers are, to be sure, heartbreaking: more than 91,000 Americans dead and more than 1.5 million infected. But many public health experts, including some within the Trump administration, have been stressing that, if anything, COVID-19 deaths and cases are being undercounted.

Appearing before a Senate committee on Tuesday, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert and a key member of the president's coronavirus task force, told lawmakers that the real death toll was "almost certainly higher" than the official count. (The hearing was conducted virtually because Dr. Fauci, two other members of the task force who were testifying and the committee's chairman, Senator Lamar Alexander, were all self-quarantining after possible exposure to the virus.)

Despite this, President Trump and some top administration officials seem to suspect that the number of COVID-19 deaths is being overstated. Debate over the accuracy of the data being put out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has become a hot topic at the White House, according to reporting this week from Axios, to the point that the task force is reassessing the mortality numbers as part of "a much larger review of data quality issues," an administration official told The Times.

The White House needs to be transparent about this review and

about any underlying concerns. Understanding how many Americans this disease has claimed is vital to organizing the response to it – and to honoring those lost to it. Like so much about the pandemic, questions about the death toll have become a source of public confusion and partisan friction – one that the president has done nothing to tamp down.

In recent weeks, Mr. Trump has been venting his unhappiness about the number of reported deaths from COVID-19, including, on occasion, publicly. In his April 15 news briefing, he suggested that New York City was misattributing deaths from other causes to the virus. "I see this morning where New York added 3,000 deaths because they died," the president said. "Rather than 'heart attack,' they say, 'heart attack caused by this.'

More tartly, on April 26, the president retweeted a conservative commentator who was suggesting that the same dark political forces who'd launched 'three failed coup attempts' against Mr. Trump were now manipulating the pandemic data: "Do you really think these lunatics wouldn't inflate the mortality rates by underreporting the infection rates in an attempt to steal the election?"

Then again, on other days, the president has expressed confidence that the official counts are accurate.

Part of the problem may be understanding the numbers in context. Early on, the COVID-19

death count was based strictly on victims who had tested positive for the virus. But this system had glaring flaws, most notably the limited availability of testing and the large numbers of people dying at home without a doctor in attendance. Beginning in mid-April, many states – responding to updated guidelines from the C.D.C. - began including "probable" or "presumed" deaths from COVID-19, even if the victim had not been tested.

When New York revised its reporting to include this category, the number of fatalities jumped by more than 3,700, much to Mr. Trump's dismay.

This is not the first time that the president has challenged unwelcome numbers. Following Hurricane Maria, which devastated Puerto Rico in 2017, the initial death counts from the storm were in the double digits. Later, more comprehensive analyses revised the toll to close to 3,000. Mr. Trump rejected the revision, denouncing it as part of a partisan plot to embarrass him.

As the president pushes states to ease social distancing restrictions and restart the economy, there is a pressing need for accurate information about the progress of the pandemic. If the White House thinks the death toll is too high and should be adjusted, it owes people an explanation of why it is taking a position contrary to the conclusions of its own public health experts.

A version of this editorial was first published in The New York Times.



### The COVID-19 crisis calls for unity, optimism: We have little of either

The man I used to think of as my Occasional Muse seemed to have disappeared.

Last we "spoke" (via email three years ago), he had warned that time was of the essence if we were to have a long-intended face-to-face meeting. He wasn't getting any younger, he said, though his sharp mind belied any sign of age-related deadlines. Lesson: Never postpone what you may later regret.

Though we never did meet, William "Van" Dusen Wishard is alive but not well, according to his son, with whom I spoke Tuesday. Now 90, he's unable to continue

our conversation but he will know that his words were Kathleen not wasted on me.

Wishard, a treasured cor-

respondent, wrote frequently to encourage, criticize or advise me but mainly to urge me to convey to readers his concerns about the future. A trend analyst known

as "Van" to the presi-

dents, congressional conferences and corporate leaders around the world he advised, Wishard believed that we humans are caught up in a head-spinning era of change and a resulting crisis of meaning and identity. The big changes, outlined in his 2000 book, "Between Two Ages: The 21st Century and the Crisis of Meaning, are not passing concerns, such as China's trade policies or Russia's obsession with empire; they are the revolutions occurring simultaneously in technology, bioethics, economics and migration patterns that are gradually altering national identities. The landscape has changed so rapidly in

such an abbreviated time that our coping mechanisms are being stretched beyond their capacity to adapt. Complicating matters, our decaying institutions were on life support even before the economy fell into a death match with COVID-19.

Wishard was especially adamant that our leaders need to be well-versed in the source of our instability and understand the deeper roots, not just the reality, of what we're experiencing as a nation and a world. Someone who could lead a discussion of why the world seems to be coming apart - and what we can do about it. Pandemic didn't come up in our virtual exchanges, but he did say something in our last conversations that has haunted me.

Just as it was beginning to unfold, Wishard predicted that the 2016 election would be our last "normal" election, as we think of them. He feared the country was split so deeply along partisan and values lines that governing would become increasingly difficult for either party to accomplish. And he prophesied that the ensuing chaos might make some less resistant to a military-run government.

His fear struck me as overwrought and even outlandish. Never in America. But now the notion seems less far-fetched, as folks with guns who are hostile to the lockdown prowl the streets in Ohio, and a customer shoots a security guard in Flint, Michigan, for enforcing the wearing of face masks. It feels as though the rivets on the airframe are popping and there seems no force strong enough to halt, much less reverse, the steady deterioration. Dare I say, crash?

Most people would probably agree that now, more than ever, we need unifying leadership with a keen understanding of the unprecedented forces upon us, from high-tech to vast migrations to the ascendance of emerging nations to material threats from psychopaths. The coronavirus pandemic isn't the worst problem we've faced, but it is evidence of the globalization of all things, good and bad. What begins with one person in a remote place, whether an upper respiratory virus or a tectonic-shifting technological advance, can infect and affect millions around the world to dazzling or deathly effect.

We are not, at the moment, oversupplied with leadership to meet this test. America has generally been lucky throughout its history: When faced with an existential crisis, the nation has somehow miraculously produced the kind of president – Washington, Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt – who has, in the face of a do-or-die challenge, built a bridge to the future. Americans hunger for an aspirational message of unity and optimism. Or, as another president put it, hope and change.

But we need some and soon. Maybe he or she waits in the wings – or perhaps is just being born. Let's hope he or she materializes quickly, lest we find ourselves saluting our president someday.

Or, worse, lest we find ourselves in a world so unhinged and adrift that we discover that there's no path back toward civilization. It has always hung by a thread, which seems today in danger of fraying.

See, Mr. Wishard? You remain my muse after all. Kathleen Parker's email is kathleenparker@ washpost.com.



## Choose – while you still can

Tlike being asked. It means I ■have a choice. I can say no. Not that I always do.

They've been asking me, over and over during this stay-athome pandemic, to support our local restaurants. If I don't help them stay afloat by using their carryout and delivery services, their dining rooms may be

Leo **Morris** 



closed forever once the crisis has passed.

It's been a pleasure to honor that request, even for a few restaurants I didn't normally frequent and one in particular I'd been semi-boy-

cotting because it took the owners months too long to remodel and they screwed up the menu in the process.

Fast-food chains, let's face it, have corporate giants behind them and will survive, but a world with only Taco Bells and McDonald's would be a much poorer one. A diverse feast of local cuisine is an important quality-of-life component, and I'm more than happy to do my

That was not my attitude a few years ago when asked to support the Komets, our city's semi-pro hockey team, and my answer was a resounding no. I don't remember the exact argument, but the gist was that I should go to a game because if I wasn't there for the Komets, the Komets wouldn't be there for me.

But I did not care even a little bit if they were not there for me. A sporting event is an amusement, and if it doesn't amuse me, I'm not buying a ticket. Don't hate me, rabid fans, but I never got hockey and never will. You might as well ask me to champion the metric system or buy a Jackson Pollock painting.

Now, perhaps you think my choices are stupid or even contradictory and unjustifiable. But you should heartily endorse my ability to choose how to spend my money, just as you should celebrate when you can make choices with your money.

Talking about the choices we make can help us define, for ourselves and each other, the limits of our selfish instincts and our commitment to the greater good. It's a movable line, and nudging it a little this way and then a little that way is one of the privileges of civilization.

Of course, we get to make fewer and fewer choices these days, because the government doesn't ask. It tells.

It told us, for example, that we must support efforts of the Shreveport Opera in Louisiana to take its performances before public school students, so the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) cut a check for the program using our tax dollars. Now, that check represented a tiny portion of the NEA's \$155 million budget for last year, and that total was itself a minuscule percentage of the federal government's \$4.4 trillion budget. Little bitty drops in a gargantuan flood of crazed spending. It might seem a trifling thing to get all hot and bothered about.

But it's exactly the point that it is small enough to understand and therefore focus our irritation on. We can relate to having to choose between eating out and seeing a hockey game while we're also supporting opera in Shreveport and a drama school in Danville, Ky., and a library in Madison, Wis., and an "intergenerational arts project," whatever that is, in Phoenix.

If opera is such a necessity for the quality of life in Shreveport, La., why in God's name can't the people of Shreveport take care of it?

It's also a good symbol to illustrate just how far we've gone beyond the original idea of the welfare state of simple decency, providing a basic level of food and clothing and care for the least capable among us.

The government spends roughly \$140,000 a second, more than \$8 million a minute, \$500 million an hour, \$12 billion a day, day in and day out, all year long, an obscene amount of it on things the government should not even be involved in.

We are inching ever closer to a couple of tipping points that will redefine this country forever – when half the country pays no income taxes at all, and the ones who do foot the bill will see their total state, local and federal tax bill top 50 percent. When that happens, the government's chief function will be to confiscate wealth and redistribute it, and this will then be a country more about demanding compliance than seeking permission.

Most of the focus during our national quarantine has been on the breathtaking speed with which the country ground to a halt and our short-term choices were drastically curtailed. Not enough attention has been given to how the mechanics of the breakdown will hasten the arrival of those tipping points.

After deliberately killing one of the most thriving economies in American history, created by millions of Americans making billions of individual choices, the government tried to breathe a little life into the corpse with spending that is incomprehensible even by today's standards.

The COVID-19 relief bills total nearly \$2.5 trillion already, and nobody thinks the government is done yet.

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

#### Woman's focus on fitness is hard for friend to bear

**DEAR ABBY:** I've been friends with "Lorraine" for 30 years. Actually, the friendship is kind

**Abby** 

of one-sided Dear because she bugs the hell out of me.

She's a super-skinny health nut who constantly posts health advice and "uplifting"

mantras on social media. Her Instagram feed is filled with pictures of her bland-looking vegan food and her doing yoga poses or running 5Ks in midriff tops so we can all see her six-pack abs. She regularly donates blood plasma and posts pictures of that, too.

Dining with her is embarrassing because she grills the waiters on how the food is prepared, even in vegan restaurants that list all ingredients. She comes off - to me, anyway – as thinking she has every facet of life figured out. She has been married twice to two jerks, keeps breaking and making up with "Harry," a seemingly nice guy, because he's fat (he's slightly plump yet attractive) and drinks too much (not sure about that). Her son, whom she treated as an annoyance and inconvenience when he was young, is now a gun-toting drug dealer.

I'm not perfect (I know I'm lazy, impatient and drink too much), but I don't portray myself as otherwise. My husband, a nicer person than I am, doesn't understand my resentment of Lorraine and keeps reminding me how much she loves me. She does. We're both in our 50s, but I feel like I've outgrown our friendship.

By the way, I don't think I'm jealous of her because I'm very happy in my marriage and feel that I am more attractive than she is (despite outweighing her). Must I stay friends with Lorraine? If not, how do I end it? - Canceling Her In Kansas City

**DEAR CANCELING:** It appears you have a love/hate relationship with Lorraine. Nothing is wrong with you, and no law says you must maintain a friendship with her. When contact becomes more of an annoyance than a pleasure, many people begin editing their circle of acquaintances. The way to end your relationship with her would be to make yourself less available when she calls or wants to get together. If she asks you why, explain that you have fewer of the same interests than you used to, while omitting the part about her six-pack abs.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a widow. My husband passed away three years ago after 43 years of marriage. I met a widower who was also married for 43 years. His wife passed five years ago.

My grown children and grandchildren refuse to accept him. My therapist and psychiatrist tell me to stand my ground because I'm in love with him, as he is with me. Even my priest, who officiated at my husband's funeral, said I should consider this relationship as heaven-sent.

We get along beautifully, and it breaks my heart that my family wants me to choose between him or them. I am devastated over this because this is not how my family is. We are in love and although I love my family with all of my heart, I don't think they have the right to gang up against me. May I have your opinion on this? - Devastated Mother

**DEAR DEVASTATED:** What a painful situation. You say this isn't how your family is. Open your eyes, dear lady, and recognize that this is EX-ACTLY who they are. Then open up your ears and pay attention to the psychiatrist and the therapist you are paying good money for, as well as your priest. My opinion is you must live your life, and my advice is to GET ON WITH IT.

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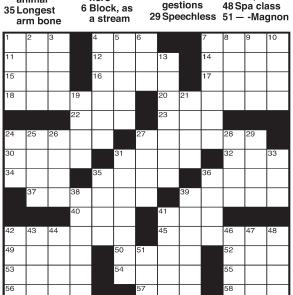
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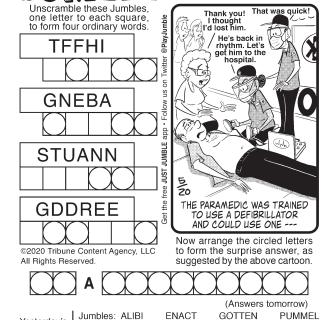
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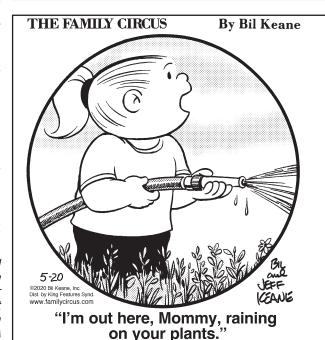
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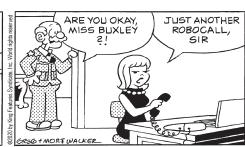
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## Pride is a universal problem

**Q:** It seems that technology in the hands of the population focuses too much on the "me" culture, and

Billy

Graham

My Answer

has given just about everyone a personal platform before the masses. Does the Bible say anything

about this? - T.P.

A: There seems to always be good

and bad to every form of new technology. The internet can be used to preach God's Gospel, and with a quick tap pornography can pop up. Wisdom and self-discipline is required when using the technology of the day, just as it was when television came into existence. But there is no question, obsessing about "self" is destructive.

The Bible says, "For (people) will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphem-

ers, disobedient to parents,

unthankful, unholy, unlov- rest until the "i" has been coning, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:2-4).

But pride is a universal problem. Scripture tells us that the Lord hates six things and one of those is pride (Proverbs 6:16). This is perhaps the greatest sin because it seems to lead to all others.

The letter "i" sits in the middle of this little word with a great big ego. No one can expect victory and inward

quered. God commands us to "humble ourselves." That is our job! If we are to live above the

clouds, the sin of pride will have to be confessed and forsaken. It is deadlier than the poison of a rattlesnake. It stunts, stifles, weakens and destroys Christian victory. Pride comes from looking only at ourselves; meekness comes through looking at God. "For all that is in the world ... the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world" (1 John 2:16).

#### **CELEBRITY CIPHER**

by Luis Campos

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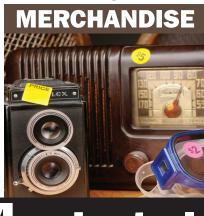


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## JAG, T-Mobile celebrate Class of 2020 with TikTok challenge

T-Mobile will donate \$5 for every #TossYourCap video posted, up to \$200K

**STAFF REPORT** 

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG), a national nonprofit serving 75,000 youth across 39 states, including Indiana, is working with T-Mobile to celebrate this year's graduating class, according to a press release.

"As graduations are being canceled, postponed or modified due to the COVID-19 bring the graduation tradition of the cap toss to life, virtually through TikTok," stated the release.

With the #TossYourCap Challenge, students, their families and friends, and other supporters can post TikTok videos with #TossYourCap. For each post, T-Mobile will make a \$5 donation to JAG,

up to \$200,000. "As business and education adapt in response to COVID-19, JAG Indiana, and our dedicated JAG Specialists are providing ongoing services to 75,000 youth across the country, including Indiana, so they are prepared for the competitive job market following graduation. pandemic in Indiana and na- In addition to supporting tionwide, T-Mobile will help the development of online services for JAG students

will be allocated in the form of academic scholarships to those in need," according to the release.

To participate in the #TossYourCap Challenge, post a video on TikTok with #TossYourCap before May

Open TikTok and head to the Discover page, then click into the T-Mobile hashtag challenge or search for #TossYourCap.

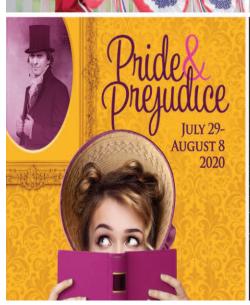
Find the challenge song, "All I Do Is Win (feat. T-Pain)" by DJ Khaled, click "use this sound" and get your cap ready.

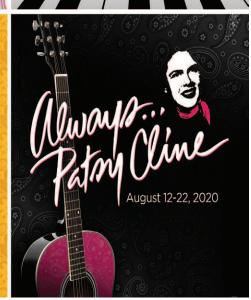
Anybody can participate in the #TossYourCap Challenge – you don't need to be a graduating senior or JAG student to enter.











## **COVID-19** educational resources

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**STAFF REPORT** 

#### **MSD** continues Graband-Go breakfast and lunch packs

Although the 2019-2020 school year has ended for students, meals will continue for the next two weeks. The remaining meal pick-up date is May 20.

#### **IDOE** announces at-home learning initiative

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), in partnership with Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations (IPBS), announced Monday a partnership to offer athome learning experiences for K-12 students, aligned to Indiana curriculum standards. Developed with the input of educators, PBS LearningMedia offers free, Indiana standards-aligned contextualized

for educational use. The re- to produce face shields for sources include grab-and-go activities, lesson plans, interactive lessons and media that al protective equipment, illustrate specific topics or themes, and support materials across multiple subjects. For more information and access to PBS LearningMedia, visit www.pbslearning media.org. To view current schedules for the grade level and subject programming, as well as correlating materials, please visit www.doe.in.gov/ elearning/2020-covid-19remote-learning. Also, you can visit the IPBS website of the TV station nearest you. For a map of regional IPBS television stations, please visit www.doe.in.gov/sites/ default/files/news/ipbs-tvlocator -map-040320.pdf.

#### **Educators creating** face shields for medical staff

Administrators and instructors at the Heartland Career Center have been working

hospital and medical staff, a component of the personor PPE. Anyone interested in the project may email mhobbs@hcc.k12.in.us.

#### **Access Youth Center** offers free lunch sack on weekdays at two locations

The Access Youth Center's Drive-Thru will be open from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and feature a lunch sack of snacks, protein and fruit provided at the door. Both locations will be open during this time: One on the south side, New Journey Community Church, 1721 N. Vernon St. and one downtown at the AYC headquarters at 74 W. Canal St. For more information, visit www. accessyouthcenter. org or call 260-563-2070. On Mondays, Pizza King will provide pizza for both locations.

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